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# H. R. 4054

To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide the District of Columbia with autonomy over its budgets.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Ms. NORTON introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight

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## A BILL

To amend the District of Columbia Home Rule Act to provide the District of Columbia with autonomy over its budgets.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE; REFERENCES IN ACT.**

4       (a) SHORT TITLE.—This Act may be cited as the  
5       “District of Columbia Budget Autonomy Act of 1998”.

6       (b) REFERENCES IN ACT.—Whenever in this Act an  
7       amendment is expressed in terms of an amendment to or  
8       repeal of a section or other provision, the reference shall  
9       be considered to be made to that section or other provision  
10      of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act.

1 **SEC. 2. DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUDGET AUTONOMY.**

2 (a) ENACTMENT OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BUDG-  
3 ET WITHOUT FURTHER CONGRESSIONAL APPROVAL.—

4 (1) IN GENERAL.—Section 446 (sec. 47–304,  
5 D.C. Code) is amended by striking the third, fourth,  
6 and fifth sentences and inserting the following: “Ex-  
7 cept as provided in section 467(d), section 471(c),  
8 section 472(d)(2), section 483(d), and subsections  
9 (f) and (g)(3) of section 490, no amount may be ob-  
10 ligated or expended by any officer or employee of the  
11 District of Columbia government unless such  
12 amount has been approved by an act of the Council,  
13 and then only in accordance with such authoriza-  
14 tion.”.

15 (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(A) Sections  
16 467(d), 471(c), 472(d)(2), and 483 (d) and sub-  
17 sections (f) and (g)(3) of section 490 are each  
18 amended by striking “fourth sentence” and inserting  
19 “second sentence”.

20 (B) Section 412(a) (D.C. Code, sec. 1–229(a))  
21 is amended by striking “(other than an act to which  
22 section 446 applies)”.

23 (3) CLERICAL AMENDMENTS.—(A) The heading  
24 of section 446 is amended to read as follows:

1 “ENACTMENT OF BUDGET BY THE COUNCIL”

2 (B) The item relating to section 446 in the  
3 table of contents is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 446. Enactment of budget by the Council.”.

4 (b) ACTION BY COUNCIL OF DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
5 ON BUDGET ACTS.—Section 404(f) (sec. 1–227(f), D.C.  
6 Code) is amended by striking “transmitted by the Chair-  
7 man to the President of the United States” both places  
8 it appears and inserting “incorporated in such Act”.

9 (c) PERMITTING EMPLOYEES TO BE HIRED IF POSI-  
10 TION AUTHORIZED BY ACT OF THE COUNCIL.—Section  
11 447 (sec. 47–305, D.C. Code) is amended—

12 (1) by striking “Act of Congress” and inserting  
13 “act of the Council” both places it appears; and

14 (2) by striking “Acts of Congress” and insert-  
15 ing “acts of the Council”.

16 (d) AMENDMENTS TO LIMITATIONS ON BORROWING  
17 AND SPENDING BY THE DISTRICT TO REFLECT CHANGES  
18 IN BUDGET PROCESS.—

19 (1) FEDERAL AUTHORITY OVER BUDGET-MAK-  
20 ING PROCESS.—Section 603 (sec. 47–313, D.C.  
21 Code) is amended—

22 (A) by striking subsections (a) and (d);  
23 and

24 (B) by redesignating subsections (b), (c),  
25 and (e) as subsections (a), (b), and (c).

1           (2) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—(A) Section  
2       443(8) (sec. 47–302(8), D.C. Code) is amended by  
3       striking “section 603(b)” and inserting “section  
4       603(a)”.

5           (B) Section 445 (sec. 47–304, D.C. Code) is  
6       amended by striking “603(c)” and inserting  
7       “603(b)”.

8           (C) Section 461(a)(1) (sec. 47–321(a), D.C.  
9       Code) is amended by striking “section 603(b)” and  
10      inserting “section 603(a)”.

11          (D) Section 487(a) (sec. 43–1615(a), D.C.  
12      Code) is amended by striking “section 603(b)” and  
13      inserting “section 603(a)”.

14          (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
15      this section shall apply to budgets of the District of Co-  
16      lumbia for fiscal years beginning on or after October 1,  
17      1998.

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